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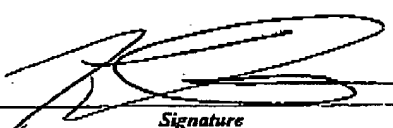
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| Applicant(s): James A. Billmaier et al. | | | |
| Application No. 09/918,610 | Filing Date July 30, 2001 | Examiner James R. Shelheda | Group Art Unit 2617 |
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In re application of

James A. Billmaier

Confirmation No. 5259

Application No. 09/918,610

Filed: July 30, 2001

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING
USER-SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO
CONFIGURE AND ENABLE
FUNCTIONS IN REMOTE CONTROL,
BROADCAST AND INTERACTIVE
SYSTEMS**

Group Art Unit: 2617

Examiner: James R. Sheleheda

Date: March 8, 2006

ELECTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006.

The applicant hereby elects, with traverse, to prosecute the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I (claims 1-17 and 41-57).

The applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is a linking claim and represents a genus of which claims 18 and 58 are species. Claim 1 recites obtaining user-specific information from a smart card in response to an "indication of user

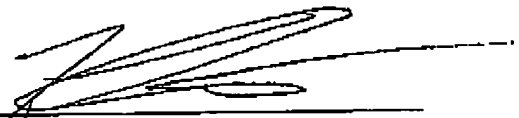
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intention to enter into a first transaction" and then creating and sending a first transaction request. In claim 18, the client "input" indicating an emergency situation is an indication of "user intention" to enter a first transaction, *i.e.*, a transaction to summon emergency personnel, as recited in claim 1. Similarly, personal ("user-specific") information is retrieved from a smart card and sent in the form of a distress signal ("transaction request").

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